



# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Confirmation No. 9381  
 Terry KNOBLOCK et al. :  
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 : Group Art Unit: 2171  
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 Serial No.: 09/995,193 : Examiner: Unassigned  
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 Filed: November 27, 2001 :  
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 For: METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM :  
 PRODUCT THAT UTILIZE A HIERARCHICAL :  
 CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK TO MODEL AN :  
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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS AND PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a)

Hon. Assistant Commissioner  
 of Patents and Trademarks  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants have received the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" mailed on October 11, 2001 indicating that the signatures for inventors Terry Knoblock and Mike Golobay were missing from the oath or declaration for this Application. In response thereto, Applicants submit the following response and a petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a). A copy of the Notice is returned herewith as required.

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With respect to inventor Terry Knoblock, an executed declaration or oath compliant with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 is provided herewith in fulfillment of the requirement set forth in the Notice. A copy of this executed document is provided as Attachment A.

With respect to inventor Mike Golobay, the following showings are provided in support of a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a). Mike Golobay was employed by WorldCom, Inc. during the time that the subject invention described in the Application was conceived and/or reduced to practice. Mr. Golobay is and was under obligation to assign rights to the subject invention to WorldCom, Inc.

At the direction of WorldCom's legal counsel, a copy of the above referenced application along with the declaration was sent by certified mail to Mr. Golobay at his home address of record on or about January 3, 2002. Attachment B is a copy of the cover letter that accompanied this correspondence. This letter stipulates a response due date of January 25, 2002.

The return receipt from this mailing is provided as Attachment C and clearly shows receipt of the correspondence by Mr. Golobay at the following last known address: 3733 Blue Trace Lane, Dallas, TX 75244

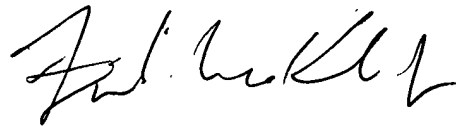
As evidenced by the copy of the front of the return receipt in Attachment C, Mr. Golobay did receive the package containing the specification, drawings and formal documents along with instructions to execute and return the documents. Furthermore, the requested date for the return of the signed oath or declaration has long since passed and WorldCom Inc. has not received the requested executed documents nor any other indication that Mr. Golobay intends to sign the declaration.

For reference, the declaration provided with the original filing of the application containing two of the other co-inventors' signatures are provided in Attachment D. The declaration sent to inventors Carlson, Mason, Knoblock and Golobay complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

The fees for this submission, including a fee for a one-month extension of time, a petition fee, and a surcharge for the late filing of an oath or declaration, are provided for in a fee transmittal form enclosed herewith. It is not believed that any further extensions of time or fees are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if any further fees or additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and any fees required are hereby authorized to be charged to WorldCom's Deposit Account No. 13-2491.

In view of the fact that Mr. Golobay has not cooperated in signing the declaration and that Applicants having provided his last known address, a description and substantiation of the pertinent facts in attempting to obtain his cooperation, and the requisite petition fee, Applicants believe that all requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) have been met and hereby respectfully request prompt consideration and granting of this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank McKiel, Jr.  
Agent for Applicants  
Registration No. 43,792

**Date:** April 10, 2002

WorldCom, Inc.  
2424 Garden of the Gods Rd.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80919  
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Facsimile: (719) 534-2024

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<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b> <i>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)</i>	Application Number	09/995,193	
	Filing Date	November 27, 2001	
	First Named Inventor	KNOBLOCK et al.	
	Group Art Unit	2171	
	Examiner Name	Not assigned	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission		Attorney Docket Number	RIC97006P1

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Response <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application) <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition Routing Slip (PTO/SB/69) and Accompanying Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional Enclosure(s) (please identify below): Return Postcard MPEP503 Rule 47 Petition
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual name	Frank A. McKiel, Jr. WorldCom Technology Law Department
Signature	<i>[Signature]</i> 43,792
Date	4/10/02

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this date: 4-10-2002			
Typed or printed name	Teresa Stephens		
Signature	<i>[Signature]</i>	Date	4-10-2002

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## Complete if Known

Application Number	09/995,193
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First Named Inventor	KNOBLOCK et al.
Examiner Name	Not Assigned
Group Art Unit	2171
Attorney Docket No.	RIC97006P1

## METHOD OF PAYMENT

1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:

Deposit Account Number 13-2491  
Deposit Account Name WorldCom, Inc.

☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☐ Payment Enclosed:

☐ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other

## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	710	201	355	Utility filing fee	
106	320	206	160	Design filing fee	
107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee	
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ )

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent	-20** =	X	
Multiple Dependent	-3** =	X	

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	80	209	40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ )

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	130.00
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	110.00
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	130.00
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) Submission of Corrected Application Papers

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## SUBMITTED BY

Name (Print/Type)	Frank A. McKiel, Jr.	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	43,792	Telephone	719-535-6307
Signature	<i>Frank A. McKiel, Jr.</i>	Date	4/10/2002		

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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
09/995,193	11/27/2001	Terry Knoblock	RIC-97-006-P1

25537  
WORLDCOM, INC.  
TECHNOLOGY LAW DEPARTMENT  
1133 19TH STREET NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20036

CONFIRMATION NO. 9381

## FORMALITIES LETTER



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Date Mailed: 12/10/2001



## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:  
*Terry Knoblock / Mike Golobay*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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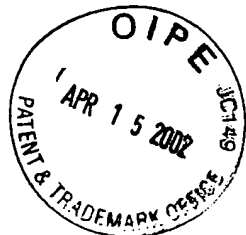
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ATTACHMENT A

Terry Knoblock's signed Oath/Declaration



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### DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM THAT UTILIZE A HIERARCHICAL CONCEPTUAL  
FRAMEWORK TO MODEL AN ENVIRONMENT CONTAINING A COLLECTION OF ITEMS**

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto

☒ was filed on November 27, 2001 as United States Application Number 09/995,193 or PCT International Application Number and was amended on .

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national application or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

(number) (country) (date filed)

yes no

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yes no



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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby appoint practitioners at Customer No. 25537 which include: Steven McCann, Reg. No. 34,958; Paul A. Roberts, Reg. No. 40,289; Michael B. Chernoff, Reg. No. 42,408; Suresh Koshy, Reg. No. 42,761; Brian C. Oakes, Reg. No. 41,467; Stephen A. Zemanick, Reg. 48,724, my attorneys; and, Frank A. McKiel, Reg. No. 43,792, my patent agent with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

I also hereby appoint as my attorney/agent: \_\_\_\_\_

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Full name of Sole or First Inventor: Terry Knoblock  
Residence Address: Wylie, TX, USA  
Mailing Address: 908 Foxwood Lane, Wylie, TX, 75098, USA  
Citizenship: USA

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name of Additional Joint Inventor, if any: Mike Golobay  
Residence Address: Dallas, TX, USA  
Mailing Address: 3733 Blue Trace Lane, Dallas, TX, 75244, USA  
Citizenship: USA

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name of Additional Joint Inventor, if any: Gregory G. Carlson  
Residence Address: Plano, TX, USA  
Mailing Address: 7724 Standish Circle, Plano, TX, 75025, USA  
Citizenship: USA

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Full name of Additional Joint Inventor, if any: Willis Mason  
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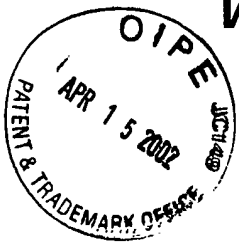
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**ATTACHMENT B**

McKiel's letter to Golobay dated January 3, 2002

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January 3, 2002

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL  
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Re: RIC97006P1 *"METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM THAT UTILIZE A  
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CONTAINING A COLLECTION OF ITEMS"*

Dear Mike:

Enclosed please find the Assignment and Power of Attorney papers which must accompany the above referenced patent application for filing, along with your copy of the above referenced patent application.

In the Declaration and Power of Attorney, you the inventor state that, to the best of your knowledge, your invention has never been patented or described in a printed publication by you or anyone else, here or abroad more than one year ago. You also give permission to the WorldCom patent attorneys to represent all aspects of the application to the US Patent and Trademark Office.

In the Assignment, you assign to WorldCom all right and title to your invention, to include any future improvements or financial gain which WorldCom may realize as a result of the invention.

Please sign and date these immediately and return them to me by January 25, 2002. If the address we have listed for you is no longer a valid address, please line out and hand print in the correct address and initial the change. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact in-house counsel, Paul Roberts at (202) 736-6604 or myself (719) 535-6307.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Best wishes,

Frank McKiel, Jr.  
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Mike Gdokay  
3733 Blue Trace Lane  
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C. Signature

X. Mike Gdokay

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**ATTACHMENT D**

Copies of signed Declarations of Co-Inventors Willis Mason and Gregory Carlson  
submitted with application filing on November 27, 2001



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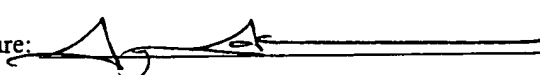
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Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: **11/20/01**

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Citizenship: **USA**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name of Additional Joint Inventor, if any: **Willis Mason**  
Residence Address: **Rowlett, TX, USA**  
Mailing Address: **7714 Spinnaker Cove, Rowlett, TX, 75089-2620, USA**  
Citizenship: **USA**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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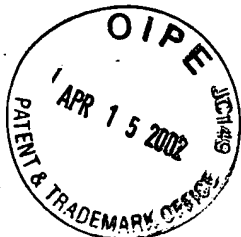
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